

15. (Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein each of α and β independently comprises RIALRY (SEQ ID NO:4), YRLAIR (SEQ ID NO:7), RILLRY (SEQ ID NO:5) or YRLLIR (SEQ ID NO:6).

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16. (Amended) The compound of claim 1 which is YRLAIRLNERRENRLRIALRY (SEQ ID NO:26) or YRLAIRLNERYRLAIRLNER (SEQ ID NO:31).

17. (Amended) The compound of claim 1 which is YRLAIRRIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36).

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Peptide-like compounds and their variants having immunomodulating activity including the N-terminal acylated and/or C-terminal amidated or esterified forms thereof of up to 60 amino acids wherein the peptide-type compound comprises the formula:

α - β

wherein:

α and β are the same or different and are of the formula:

(a) {R aa⁷⁶⁻⁷⁷ L} (aa⁷⁹⁻⁸⁴) (SEQ ID NO:1)

or

(b) (aa⁸⁴⁻⁷⁹) {L aa⁷⁷⁻⁷⁶ R} (SEQ ID NO:2)

wherein:

aa⁷⁶ is E or V;

aa⁷⁷ is D, S or N;

aa⁷⁹ is R or G;

aa⁸⁰ is I or N;

aa⁸¹ is a hydrophobic or small amino acid;

aa⁸² is R or L;